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Watson leads by example with green lifestyle

Jessica Murri

For the Montana Kaimin

Vicki Watson brought a huge, bulging bag of plastic jars, all different shapes and sizes, into the "Thinking Green" Freshman Interest Group seminar classroom. She also brought homemade raspberry apple muffins. The class of 20 snacked on the pastries while casting curious glances at the plastic jars.

Finally, Watson answered their questioning looks. The jars, she said, were for peeing in. Using them instead of a toilet helps cut down on water waste, she explained.

"And when they fill up," Watson said, "you just pour a little bit of leftover dishwater in them and empty them on your raspberry bush and apple tree."

With that last comment, many in the class stopped mid-chew and looked at each other.

Watson gave the students in the classroom stickers to decorate their very own pee jars with. The stickers displayed slogans such as "CO₂NSEQUENCE" and "HELL YEAH I'M CO₂NCERNED," referring to the rising level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that is causing global warming.

Vicki Watson has been teaching at the University of Montana for, as she puts it, "a quarter of a century." She was one of the first environmental science professors, though she goes far beyond just a teacher of the environment.

A door on the first floor of the Natural Sciences building papered in pictures of the Clark Fork River, newspaper clippings, and environmental bumper stickers leads into her office.

"She's completely comfortable in her own skin," said Sara Anderson, a student in Watson's Environmental Science 101 class and

the FIG. "If I try the pee jar, I do it hiding. But she is living what we all talk about."

Anderson has known Watson as a family friend for several years, and has worked closely with her in various Earth Day events, but being in one of Watson's classes has shown her a different side.

"I'll never forget her story about the cranes," Anderson said.

Watson was in the middle of a lecture, describing a time when cranes had landed on her family's farm when she was a child.

"Daddy went out with a shotgun to kill one and take it in, so they could figure out what the birds were. But he came back inside still holding the shotgun." Here, Watson went quiet for a moment, her next words strained as she tried not to cry.

"He wasn't even an educated man," she said. "He just thought they were too beautiful to shoot."

After Watson choked up in front of the 100 people watching her, Anderson said, "I respected her all the more. It's one thing to know. It's another thing to feel."

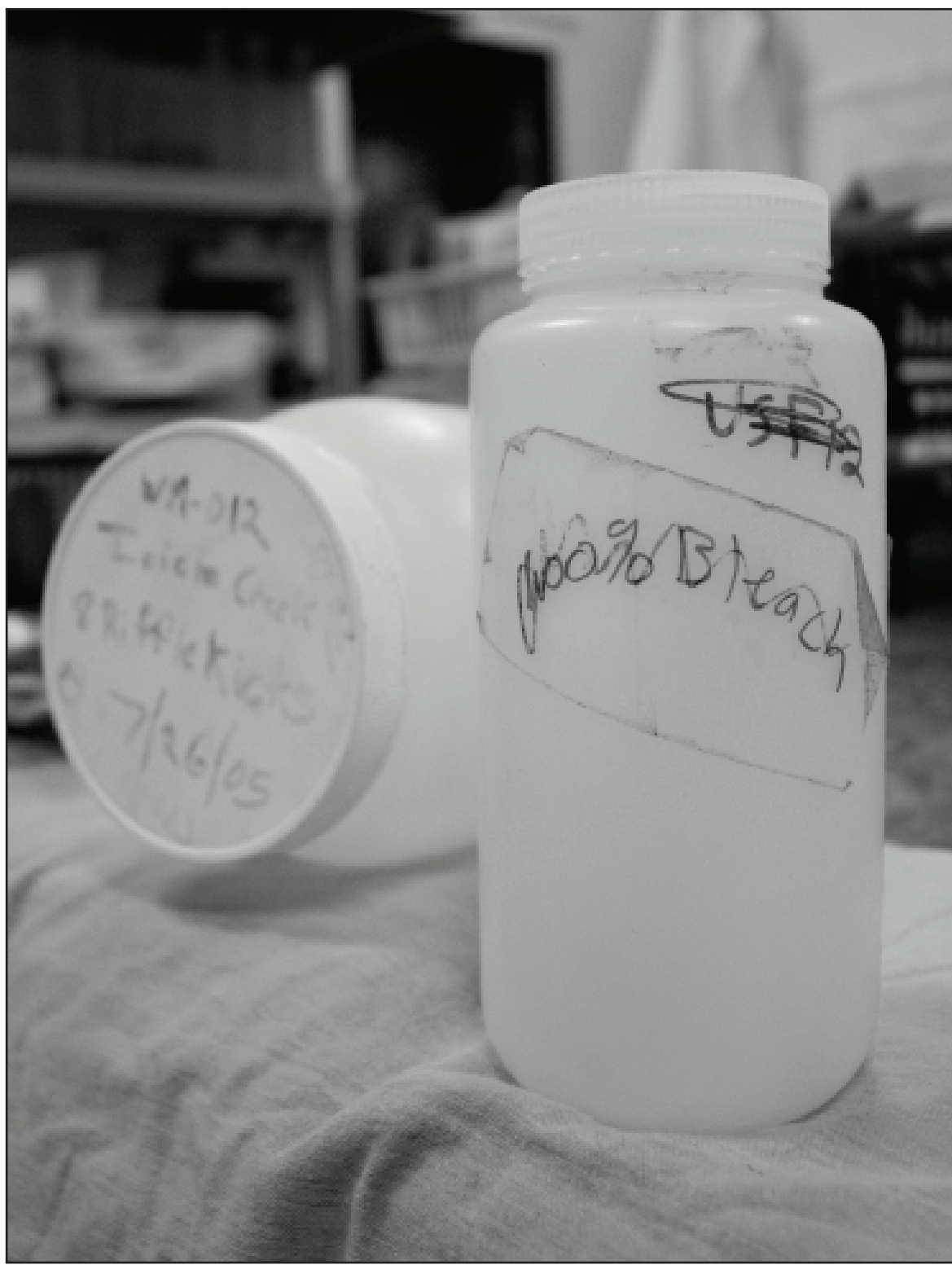
Watson tries to eliminate her carbon footprint by living close to the University, sharing her home with graduate students, having only one child, and raising that child to be frugal and thrifty.

"All of his possessions can fit into a suitcase," she said. "He has two or three pairs of pants, one pair of shoes. He never wanted a car."

Patrick Watson is now 26 and working on getting his doctorate in neurology at the University of Illinois.

Watson incorporates her environmentally conscious nature into every aspect of her life. When picking a house, it must be within

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To Vicki Watson and her "Thinking Green" seminar class, these old water sampler jugs double as pee jars. Girls received jars similar to the one on the left, while boys were handed ones like the jar on the right. Watson collected the jars from the State Water Agency as well as consulting agencies in the area that would have tossed the plastic containers.

Army enlistments swell in weak economy

Mike Gerrity

Montana Kaimin

Scarce job opportunities are good news for the Army, whose recruitment numbers have risen steadily in the U.S. economic downturn.

Maj. Rufus Shumate III, Commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company, said that people have been more eager to enlist since about May 2008. Students trying to pay off their loans, or those trying to support their families, are turning to the military for work.

"If the economy is suffering, the military is going to do well," Shumate said. "Long gone are the days of \$60,000 signing bonuses and things like that."

For his recruitment area, which includes Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming and Montana, he said about

36 college students have signed in the last 18 months.

"Montana has traditionally been No. 3 in propensity to enlist nationwide (since the war in Afghanistan in 2001)," he said.

There are monthly quotas, or "missions," to fulfill each month that target a specific amount of new enlistees for each recruiting center. But that monthly quota, he said, is more of guideline.

"Do I meet it all the time? No, I don't. Do I get punished for it? No, I don't," he said.

Now that there is a wider pool of hopefuls to choose from, military recruiters are able to ask more from their potential soldiers at the very beginning. GED's are no longer enough to qualify somebody for enlistment, making the high school diploma the new standard.

Enlistees without a diploma must also have at least 15 university or college credits. Also, criminal misdemeanors like minor drug possession and alcohol-related infractions are no longer as easily waived.

"If you have more than one DUI, we can't help you," Shumate said.

Shumate said he still tried to stress to potential applicants that there are two global conflicts going on, and the real risks of war will apply to them.

"If you join the Army, we tell them: 'Yes, you will deploy.'"

Nearly 30 Montana soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the invasion in 2003, and five have been killed in Afghanistan, according to icasualties.org. So far

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State of the Union address viewed with cautious optimism

Kimball Bennion

Montana Kaimin

A sense of resolve mixed with lingering traces of discontent was in the air at the Badlander last night after a viewing party of President Barack Obama's first State of the Union address.

Forward Montana, a non-partisan political advocacy group geared toward youth, organized the informal gathering. Over 50 people showed up, providing plenty of cheers and jeers intermittently, however there was an uncharacteristic feeling of rapt attention in the downtown bar during most of the speech.

Andrea Marcoccio, the managing director of Forward Montana, said the group organized the event to get people engaged and excited about politics. After the speech,

Marcoccio said that Obama did a good job overall in addressing issues such as health care, the economy and clean energy, which she said were important to Forward Montana.

"He addressed a lot of issues, and we're all looking for some leadership," she said.

The most passionate reaction to the president's speech came in response to Obama's proposed fees on large banks, his appeal to Congress to push forward on health care legislation, and the wide net he cast over the country's potential sources of energy.

A number of boos and cries of anger erupted when Obama included clean coal technology, off-shore

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EDITORIAL



Will Melton, News Editor

My winter break, for the most part, was wonderful. I went skiing multiple times, hung out with my girlfriend, friends from high school and my undergrad, saw my mom and enjoyed the freedom. Then, I ran out of money.

After about three weeks, it became apparent that I had to live bare-bones for the rest of the break in order to make it until my next financial aid disbursement, which has yet to come. Because of this, I will find it difficult at best to pay my rent for February unless my disbursement check comes very soon.

A five-week winter break is ridiculous

I know I'm not alone in this. My friend Drew has less than \$10 in his bank account.

The reason for this financial stress is our ridiculously long winter break. Our financial aid is designed to help us live while school is in session. Stretching fall semester's money for an extra five weeks is nearly impossible.

The stress is compounded by the timing. Money that I budgeted for December and January had to go to travel, presents and other expenses that are incurred by having so much free time. Furthermore, I paid over \$400 for the privilege of letting my room in Missoula sit empty for more than a month.

At the same time, it is difficult for many students to find work for

such a short period of time, especially with the majority of break coming after the holidays.

A recent article in Slate Magazine found that the tradition of an extended winter break stretches back to the oil crisis of the late 1970s, when schools around the country, looking to save money, decided to stay closed during the cold of early January and extend the school year into the summer, when heating costs were decidedly lower.

According to UM Provost Royce Engstrom, the primary reason for the five week break at Montana is because of Wintersession, the three-week intensive course that runs at the beginning of January. Wintersession, Eng-

strom said, allows a unique opportunity for many students to travel abroad or within the country for classes and take classes they otherwise wouldn't be able to.

That is fine for the 2700 students registered for Wintersession this year. That is about one-fifth of all students. This number is up from recent years, likely as a result of a change a few years back that allows Wintersession classes to count as credits for spring semester.

But before that change, President George Dennison was on the verge of cancelling Wintersession because it was no longer economically self-sufficient. This is an option that the University should consider once again.

The economic burden on those students who don't want to or can't take Wintersession courses is huge, the extra two or three weeks off creates boredom, and at least personally, it is much harder to get used to the schedule and academics after five weeks than it is after only two or three.

The solution is easy: Cut winter break to three weeks and move Wintersession to early May, where it could still count for spring credit and be used for study abroad. This also would allow most UM students to enter the summer job and internship market earlier, thus giving us an advantage over students from other schools.

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THE MODERN common sense OF THINGS

Screech Powers and the Dirty Sanchez

By Karen! Garcia



which he has used on over 2,000 women (many of whom he claims he picked up at Disney World).

In his tell-all, Diamond, who played a hopelessly geeky virgin, goes on to implicate himself and all his co-stars in promiscuous sex and drug use, even revealing that Mario Lopez (who played Slater, the brawny, vaguely Hispanic one) raped a girl.

This wasn't Diamond's first attempt to actively dispel his Screech image: A sex tape was released in 2006 entitled "Screeched: Saved by the Smell," which depicts the notorious nerd performing a Dirty Sanchez on one of the girls at the end of the video (I hope you know what that is, because I doubt the Kaimin would allow me to explain it here).

When movie stars dabble in

drugs and alcohol or involve themselves in sex tape scandals, we hardly bat an eye. Or if we do, it is usually to acknowledge that the whole affair was both banal and predictable.

We are less unsettled when an actor who primarily works in movies screws up because their roles are fluid and generally cover a broader range. They are malleable figures, and we aren't really conditioned to view them as one entity — they can slip into one role and months later adopt an entirely new one (unless they are Michael Cera).

But when Screech turns out to be (and have?) a huge dick, there is a sense of violation there. That character schema was reinforced for years, week in and week out, while the show was running.

What's more, "Saved by the Bell" was successful, and thus went into syndication. This means that multiple networks were (and are) running the show, possibly multiple times a day. Screech lives on, much to his dismay.

"I'm not Screech," Diamond declares in his "memoir." "I'm 100 percent, in every single way, not Screech. I'm cool, I follow no man, and women find me irresistible."

You know when someone keeps repeating himself so frequently and so adamantly that it becomes painfully clear that he is just trying to convince himself of something instead of others? This is kind of like that. Part of me feels like Diamond actively attempts to be such an unforgivable, despicable creep because at least that

creep isn't Screech Powers.

Bob Saget, who played Danny Tanner on "Full House," suffers from the same phenomenon. A hopelessly vulgar stand-up comedian, Saget feels powerless to shed the image he forged on the sitcom early on in his career. He told the Seattle Times in 2007: "I see a lot of my actor-friends or other celebrities and go, 'I'm not that guy, leave me alone, that's not me!' It's like, sorry buddy, you are."

As much as that might suck for him, it's true. For all intents and purposes, he is Danny Tanner, regardless of how many crude jokes he tells. Just like Diamond will always be Screech, regardless of how many gross sex tapes he makes. There is no escape.

Saget though, unlike Diamond, embraces his cultural iconography in a productive way: by means of countless obscene Kimmy Gibbler sex jokes. I find this to be arguably more acceptable than actually performing a Dirty Sanchez on Kimmy Gibbler.

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City cool has nothing on Missoula

Dear Josh P. and Co.:

Perhaps as I wallow in the cultural sludge of a small town, I misunderstood you. I'm sure you'll forgive my confusion; I am after all a Missoula native. Your thesis is that we owe an applause to you city boys for granting us the gift of cool? Well, thank you. I think today I'll stay in a dimly lit room with a hookah, googling "arrogance: how-to," even though the Bowl got five new inches. I'll lament that my fellow cool kids can't come up with something new

so I'll stick to the "neon glasses, nylon jackets and Jazzercise headbands." It's easier for other hipsters to recognize me and we must stick together in Missoula's fashion wasteland. I'll cancel my plans to check out the River City Roots Festival, farmer's market, the Monte Dolack gallery, and to finally get off a sidewalk. I'll schedule the rest of the day to adjust myself under the stress applied by my jeans. It's pitiful the way Missoulians think that nature, their beliefs, and hobbies are a hell of a lot more telling of a person than whether their pants fit or don't fit,

Letters to the Editor

or who may or may not like their music. They must breathe too much mountain air.

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Students shouldn't be forced to pay for "Going Green"

I recently opened my student bill and was shocked to see a 4 dollar fee from the university. This

fee was a "Going Green" fee. It was applied to my bill without my permission and in order to take it off I have to opt out every semester. I have no problem with the university trying to ride the "green" tide. However, I do have a problem with them making students follow along. If the university wants to spend more money and waste funds they should find other ways to raise the money. Cutting admin salaries or firing teachers would be a great way. The university is forcing the student body who don't look over their bills carefully to sign on to the ridiculous climate

agenda. This is a blatant breach of the school taking a political stance on an issue and forcing the students to pay for it. How would all the pro-choicers like it if the university had a 4 dollar fee for keeping the university pro-life? Call the university and tell them to keep politics off our bills. Tell your student government to get this fee off your bill. With elections coming up, any candidate who supports this type of theft should be kicked out of office or not allowed to hold a seat.

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WATSON
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biking distance of work. Her home now is across the street from the University. When picking out items from the store, they must have a minimal amount of packaging. Nothing goes to waste in Watson's house.

Amy Edgerton, a graduate student of Watson's currently working on her thesis in environmental studies, lives with Watson.

"I worked with her on field work two and a half years ago," Edgerton said, "and we would put all samples of stream water into paper bags and then label them. Last week, I saw a paper bag Vicki was using that had my handwriting on it. She was still using it."

Edgerton has lived with Watson since September and sees firsthand how serious Watson's waste-none behavior is.

"There are buckets everywhere to put dishwater when we are done with it," Edgerton said. When they fill up, Watson uses them to water plants in her yard in the spring and summer.

Watson attributes her environmentalism to her childhood living on a farm in Texas. Her parents were both very environmentally-minded.

"My parents were fond of wildlife. They had us learn all the names of the trees and plants," Watson said.

They didn't build right up to the creek near their house as many

landowners do, which damages the ecosystem next to the water. But Watson wasn't deprived of exploring.

"They said we could always go visit it," Watson said.

Watson's parents were active in fighting for the environment. They fought against raw sewage being drained from a nearby town into their creek before any environmental laws were passed.

Environmental Studies Professor Dan Spencer sees this same passion for protecting the earth in Watson. He has worked with her for six years and admires her for her involvement with the community. He described a time at a very formal environmental panel when she got up to speak and started off by asking everyone to demonstrate wind power by blowing kisses to the panelists.

"And everyone did it," he said, smiling. "Sometimes I just look at her and roll my eyes and think, 'Did she really just do that?'"

Spencer said she is the force behind so much of what happens in Missoula.

"She does so many things on this campus, so much behind-the-scenes work, it's amazing," he said. "Even when the new journalism building was being built, she saved some of the old trees in the area."

Watson remembers saving trees from being cut down during several other construction projects around campus.

"I have done a lot of squawk-

ing over the years about protection given to trees during construction," she said. "I think UM is taking better care of its trees now, but some still get sacrificed to construction. I think our squawking has resulted in better protection and health for these and other trees on campus."

Watson advocates for more than just trees around UM, though. She helped form the original Sustainability Committee, and chaired it as well, and she is currently the co-chair of the Recycling Committee.

Edgerton sees the amount of time Watson spends on her advocacy work.

"She comes home at 12 every night," Edgerton said.

Watson owns a 25-year-old Volkswagen Rabbit that runs on biodiesel and drives it only a few times a year for only one reason.

"The cats don't like riding on the bike," she said with a smile. And even these car trips to the vet are too much for Watson, who buys carbon offsets because of them.

"Her mindset is so pervasive all the time, so committed," Edgerton said.

Watson said the most common reaction she gets to her lifestyle is, "Well, that's all very good, but everyone else can't afford to make such changes." To this, she points out that University professors don't get paid all that much.

Watson disagrees with other people's lifestyles when they impose the consequences of their

choices on other people.

"We're all in this together and you affect other people's lives. It's not your right to be wasteful," she said.

Spencer and Edgerton both agree on the slight feelings of guilt they get when they see how much Watson does to reduce her impact on the earth.

"I love long, hot showers. I've cut down to two a week. But sometimes when I get junk food, I feel bad about the packaging and I have my own trash bag because I don't want to contribute my trash to Vicki's house," Edgerton said. She has also learned to live with the house very cold.

"I freeze my graduate students out," Watson said, laughing. "But I gave one a nice sweater so she'll be OK."

When Watson lives by herself, she keeps the house at 50 to 55 degrees, but when other people live there, she turns up the thermostat to a balmy 65.

Edgerton considers herself cold-blooded and living in such temperatures has confirmed this.

"She gave me a Snuggie. And a sweater and a sleeping bag. I just learned to bundle up," Edgerton said.

But Watson has another passion when she takes a break from the environment.

"Contra dance is Vicki in her essence," Edgerton said. "I have a picture of her on the dance floor out alone, dancing, smiling. That is so Vicki."

Watson makes a habit of telling her classes about all upcoming contra dances, giving out free passes as rewards for volunteer service.

"I've made up lots of dances," she said. "During the 2008 elections, I made up a dance for each president, and called it the Politician Shuffle. There is the George Bush Mission Accomplished dance with a Ron Paul exit, the Hillary Clinton Ready-on-Day-One and the Barack Obama Yes-We-Can-Change-If-We-Have-To dance. My favorite is the Bill Clinton Intern-Mixer."

Dancing provides a relief for Watson when her job gets her down.

"It's hard to keep your spirits up when you learn so many bad things," she said. "The ratio of good news to bad news is one to five ... but I've always liked the quote 'If tomorrow the world would break into a thousand pieces, I would still plant a tree today,' by Martin Luther."

But Watson does not consider giving up an option.

"You meet some of the world's nicest folks amongst tree huggers and greenies," she said.

Watson has certainly met her share of "greenies" in Missoula.

"She's behind so much on campus, whether it's the recycling program or inspiring students, everything she does, she does so passionately," Edgerton said. "She'll fight to make it happen."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

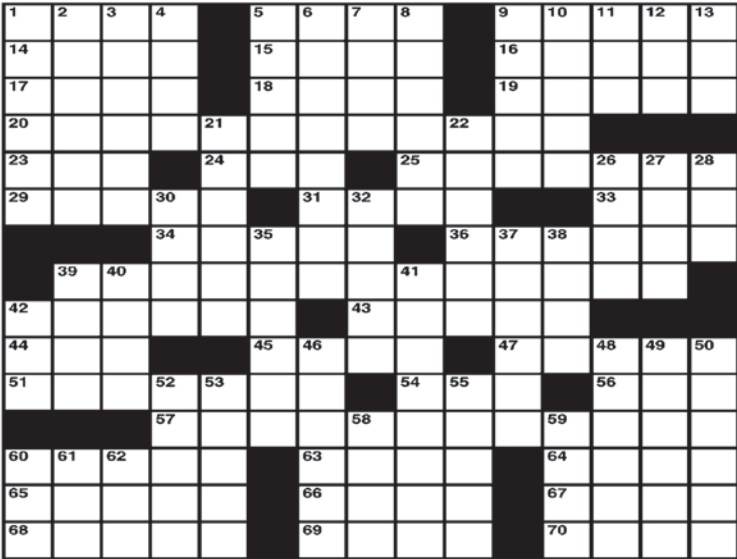
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ACROSS

- 1 Trip with much hardship
- 5 Ampule
- 9 Bikini blast, briefly
- 14 Prefix with port
- 15 FAQ responses, e.g.
- 16 Belittle
- 17 Send out
- 18 "Gosh darn it!"
- 19 Language that gives us "floe"
- 20 Music lessons for Bill Clinton?
- 23 Oscar-winning role for Forest
- 24 PC backup key
- 25 Corrosion-resistant metal
- 29 Letter flourish
- 31 Sgt. Snorkel's pooch
- 33 An A will usually raise it: Abbr.
- 34 Science opening?
- 36 Most congenial
- 39 Documentary about Chicago's relationship with its team?
- 42 Event with a piñata
- 43 Stuffing stuff
- 44 "Exodus" hero
- 45 At the top of the heap
- 47 Roman ____; thinly disguised fiction
- 51 Often scandalous book genre
- 54 Dawdle behind
- 56 Old name of Tokyo
- 57 More equitable of two civil case juries?
- 60 With alacrity
- 63 Ruminant
- 64 Prefix with dextrous
- 65 Its capital is Apia
- 66 Performing ____
- 67 Despicable
- 68 Almost boil
- 69 Political cartoonist Thomas
- 70 Israeli statesman Weizman

DOWN

- 1 One of Luther's 95
- 2 Like "The Day the Earth Stood Still," in 2008



By Donna S. Levin

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 39 Bold Ruler, to Secretariat
- 40 Versailles eye
- 41 Schedules of problems to be dealt with
- 42 More than plump
- 46 Jenna of "Dharma & Greg"
- 48 Musical based on an 1862 novel, for short
- 49 Safe to put away
- 50 More artful
- 52 Henry Blake's title on "M*A*S*H"
- 53 Good place to get?
- 55 "Give it ____!"
- 58 Surrounding glow
- 59 Uninhibited party
- 60 The law, according to Mr. Bumble
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UM students use Wintersession to lighten spring workload

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Enrollment for Wintersession was up by about 200 students this year, according to Peggy Nesbitt, the associate director of UM's Extended Learning Services. The program has seen higher registration each year since the Office of Extended Learning Services took it over in 2002, Nesbitt said.

"Primarily the draw (to Wintersession) is to be able to focus," Nesbitt said. "When students are trying to juggle four or five classes, it's hard to focus on just one. It's primarily to lighten their load in the spring."

Chynna Freshour, a junior majoring in creative writing, enrolled in Wintersession for the first time this year. She took a Shakespeare

"It did feel kind of rushed, but I liked that because it went by so fast."

Chynna Freshour, junior, creative writing

class because she didn't have any other plans for the break and wanted to get the required course out of the way as quickly as possible.

"I really liked it because it was a smaller class with less homework. Especially for Shakespeare, which I wouldn't have liked in its full-semester form," Freshour said.

Although she said the class was intense and she wishes she had more time before spring semester began, Freshour said she would register for Wintersession again.

"I think people take classes they don't want to take because of

how fast they get them out of the way," she said. "It did feel kind of rushed, but I liked that because it went by so fast."

In 2007, the University instituted a credit rollover policy allowing students to apply credits earned during Wintersession to their spring semester workload. Wintersession courses count toward the tuition "flat spot" of 12 credits, after which students are not required to pay more tuition per credit. Nesbitt said this policy increased the popularity of Wintersession because it allows students to take fewer courses in the spring.

Along with enrollment, course offerings have increased as Wintersession has become more popular. This year's Wintersession offered 126 course sections, 11 more than last year and 102 more than in 2002, Nesbitt said. While most classes offered during Wintersession satisfy general education or core curriculum requirements, some electives and study abroad opportunities are available.

Various UM professors have taken groups of science, law, journalism and graduate students to Chile since the University began the Wintersession study abroad program in 1998. Wintersession offers many students the "opportunity to do things that can't be done during the regular academic year," Nesbitt said.

Each year when the Office of Extended Learning Services receives the University's budget allocation for Wintersession, it distributes the funds to each academic department on campus, Nesbitt said. The departments then decide which classes will be offered during Wintersession. This Wintersession's 126 sections included seven online courses, which Nesbitt believes will be a significant area of growth for the program due to the flexibility that online courses offer students.

Although President George Dennison considered discontinuing Wintersession in 2006 for budgetary reasons, Nesbitt said she is unaware of any further discussion about cuts to the program.

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Turning the page



Grizzlies head coach Wayne Tinkle walks senior guard Anthony Johnson through an offensive set at practice Wednesday. Montana hits the road this week, taking on Northern Colorado Thursday, and Northern Arizona Saturday.

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Griz travel South for a crucial two-game set

Matt McLeod
Montana Kaimin

Chapter one in Wayne Tinkle's book is all about attitude. Scoring droughts, defensive lapses, lethargic losses — this year's struggles are the result of a fundamental rift, according to the Griz men's basketball coach.

"We've got some guys that aren't putting the team first," Tinkle told his club as practice wound to a close Tuesday. "You wonder why we're up and down and we aren't consistent. We tell you guys the same thing every day, and still you're not getting it."

That lack of consistency has plagued the Griz (13-7, 4-4) in recent outings.

After opening the season with a 5-1 record, Montana has both stumbled down the stretch and shown flashes of brilliance.

This year's campaign has included tastes of the sublime: a 13-point win at Oregon and a near-flawless 32-point home blowout of conference contender Portland State. And there have been head-scratching outings: lopsided losses against Idaho State and Weber State and woeful shooting nights against Northern Colorado and Montana State.

Tinkle said his team's philosophy and preparation have never changed, but Montana's shifting fortune has hinged on lack of belief and waning discipline.

"I tell the guys to worry about the team, not about playing time or who feels like they're getting picked on," Tinkle said. "Until they all buy into that, we'll keep seeing the same results. We're better than that."

Sitting at fourth in the conference with eight games to play and facing weekend road games at Northern Colorado and Northern Arizona — two teams in the thick of the Big Sky postseason battle — it's now or never for the Griz to step up and solidify their spot in one of the six conference tournament places.

Tinkle said it's shaping up to be a season-defining trip.

"This is a huge a weekend in terms of the playoff picture," Tinkle said. "And I think it's more than that for us. Now we get to see the character of this team; we'll see what we're made of."

So far, senior center Brian Qvale has been the model of stability. Qvale shot 7-8 in the team's loss to Montana State Saturday, in a game where his teammates combined to shoot 29 percent.

But as always, Montana's fate lies in the hands of Anthony Johnson. Johnson, who leads the team in points and assists, has been far from content with his output thus far. He called himself out earlier this week for his lack of aggressiveness, and took the onus for his team taking their feet off the gas pedal.

"I'm the leader of this team," Johnson said. "When we don't play hard, I'll take the blame."

In both tonight's matchup at Northern Colorado and Saturday's contest at Northern Arizona, the senior guard will take the lead role. He was the X-factor in the first chapter of both series.

Johnson poured in 22 points on 8-11 from the field and added three key steals as the Griz sprinted past the Lumberjacks Jan. 4.

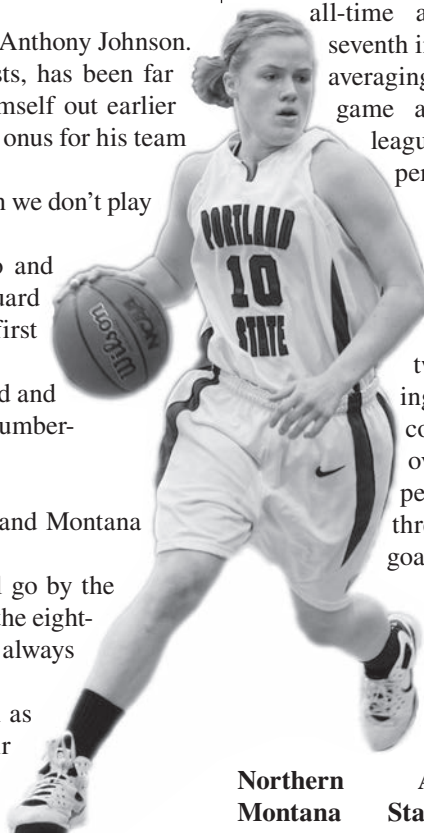
The next night he went missing in action.

He managed just seven points on 2-10 shooting and Montana folded at home to Northern Colorado 59-48.

Johnson said he knows all the inconsistency will go by the wayside if the Griz embark on a winning streak like the eight-game one his team hit this time last season. That's always been part of the plan.

"We're a veteran team, so we expect to play well as year goes on," Johnson said. "No one's hanging their heads. Our new streak starts right now."

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Around the Big Sky Women's Basketball

Portland State, Eastern set for showdown

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Eastern Washington at Portland State

While Montana, Montana State and Sacramento State all host two conference games this weekend, most eyes around the conference will be focused on Portland, Ore., where the second-place Vikings (5-2) will host first-place Eastern Washington (7-0).

With a victory in Portland, the Eagles would improve to 8-0 and put themselves in the driver's seat to host the conference postseason tournament with eight conference games left to play.

Thus far, the Eagles have been the class of the Big Sky, setting a school record by starting conference play with seven straight wins.

However, even with an unblemished record, the Eagles are aware that they have fallen to the Vikings in their last four meetings and that avoiding a fifth straight defeat would be ideal.

The Eagles' hopes of a victory will fall on the shoulders of junior guard Kyla Evans, who is the reigning Big Sky Player of the Week after two phenomenal performances against Idaho State and Weber State last weekend. In the two contests, Evans averaged 17.5 points and shot 53 percent from the field to help the Eagles continue their hot streak.

The Vikings will counter with senior guard Claire Faucher, who can be dangerous as a scorer or a playmaker. Faucher, the Big Sky's all-time assist leader, is seventh in the conference, averaging 14.9 points per game and leading the league with 6.9 assists per game.

The scoring should be relatively high as the contest will feature the two best shooting teams in the conference in both overall field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage.

Prediction: These Vikings know how to win a big game, 77-68.

Northern Arizona at Montana State, Northern Colorado at Montana State

In Bozeman, the Bobcats (2-4) will try to separate themselves from the pack of four 2-4 teams as they host Northern Arizona (2-4) on Thursday, and Northern Colorado (2-4) on Saturday.

The Bobcats are coming off a loss to in-state rival Montana in which they jumped out to an early lead, but went nearly eight minutes without scoring and couldn't stop

Carpenter named to AFC Pro Bowl team

Tyson Alger
Montana Kaimin

Postseason awards are nothing new to Dan Carpenter. The kicker from Helena racked up all-conference selections playing for Helena High School, and garnered four All-Big Sky selections and was named an All-American twice during his illustrious career with

the Montana Grizzlies.

But Wednesday afternoon Carpenter was the recipient of a new accolade, his biggest yet: an NFL Pro Bowl selection.

Carpenter, in his second season with the Miami Dolphins, was named to the AFC roster of the NFL's all-star game, replacing San Diego kicker Nate Kaeding, who

pulled out Wednesday morning.

In his second season in the pros, Carpenter connected on 25 of 28 field goals and was 37 for 38 in point-after attempts.

Diane Carpenter, Dan's mother, talked to her son by phone Wednesday afternoon from her home in Helena.

"He said his phone has been

ringing off the hook today from well-wishers from Montana," Diane said. "It's just been a wild afternoon. (Dan's father Val and I) are just kind of shocked. We're really proud of him. Everything with his football career has fallen right into place. How could you

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Lady Griz forwards Lauren Beck and Sarah Ena, who chipped in 21 points apiece.

Regardless of their record, the Bobcats have played well this season — just not consistently well.

Unlike their opponents this weekend, Montana State is one of the top scoring teams in the conference and has four players averaging more than 10 points per game. Sophomore guard Katie Bussey leads the offensive charge for the Cats, averaging 15.8 points per game.

While most of Northern Arizona's roster may not strike fear into the hearts of opponents, the Cats will have their hands full with Northern Arizona's new scoring and rebounding machine — true freshman Amy Patton. The Lum-

berjacks are coming off a loss at Sacramento State, but Patton did her part, scoring 31 points and snatching 17 rebounds.

The freshman guard scored 18 of her points from beyond the arc, taking 16 attempts in the process. Patton is currently leading the conference in scoring (21.5 points per game) and rebounding (11 per game).

Unfortunately Patton can't do it all by herself — she is the only Lumberjack in the top 15 players in the conference in scoring or rebounding — and if another player doesn't step up and help her, it could be a long night in Bozeman for the Lumberjacks.

Prediction: Patton scores 20, but the Bobcats score 70. Bobcats win 70-52.

On Saturday, the Cats may see an exact replica of Northern Arizona as Northern Colorado makes the

trek to Bozeman and doesn't bring much of an offense with them.

Statistically, Northern Colorado sits at or near the bottom of the conference in most offensive categories, including scoring offense, field goal percentage, and assists.

The Bears do have a couple of players who are offensively efficient, most notably senior guard Whitley Cox (17 points per game) and junior guard Courtney Stoermer (10 points per game).

Stoermer recently recorded the first triple-double for the Bears since they moved to Division I, scoring 12 points to compliment her 10 rebounds and 10 assists in a loss to Sacramento State.

Prediction: Unfortunately for the Bears, the Bobcats are too much on offense. Cats down Bears 72-59.

Weber State at Sacramento State, Idaho State at Sacramento State

After beginning conference play with four straight losses, the Hornets (2-4) are looking to build on their two-game winning streak by welcoming last-place Weber State (1-6) and reeling Idaho State (4-3) into the Hornets' nest.

While the Hornets' victories haven't been over powerhouse opponents, they are taking advantage of playing at home against weaker opposition, winning by an average of 11.5 points per contest.

As predicted, senior forward Charday Hunt continues to lead the offense for the high-scoring Hornets, averaging 17.3 points per game.

The Hornets are not only the top scoring team in the conference, but they are one of the best rebounding teams as well, placing five players in the conference top 20.

Sacramento State's stats present a paradox. The Hornets lead the

conference in offense, but they also give up the most points. They are the top rebounding team, but are the worst at defensive rebounding. They average the most offensive rebounds per game, but have the lowest offensive rebound percentage.

On Thursday, Sacramento State will try to prolong Weber State's misery that is mired in a four-game slide.

The Wildcats' lone conference victory came almost three weeks ago at home over Northern Colorado.

Weber State's statistics reflect their record — they are dead last in scoring offense and field goal percentage allowed. Unlike their first-place male counterparts, Weber State has not been able to find any offensive or defensive rhythm so far this season.

Despite the fact that sophomore guard Mikell Woodfield is second in the conference in offensive rebounding (averaging 3.4 per game), the Wildcats collect the fewest offensive and defensive rebounds in the conference as a team.

Prediction: Sacramento State's offense keeps rolling, 83-65.

Idaho State rolls into California on a losing streak after being roughed up by Portland State and Eastern Washington and are near the bottom of the conference in rebounding, blocking, and three-point shooting percentage. The Bengals need a late-season push to get back into contention with league heavyweights Eastern, Portland State and Montana.

Senior forward Oana Iacovita, senior guard Andrea Videbeck and junior guard Chelsea Pickering all score more than 13 points per game, but more contribution will be needed from role players for the Bengals to hit the road and steal one from such a strong offense in Sacramento State.

Prediction: In a battle of two teams going opposite ways, the Hornets get the home sweep 73-69.

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CARPENTER

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ask for more? First he's playing for the Griz, then the pros and now the Pro Bowl ... this doesn't even seem real."

Diane said Dan is a "very organized person," has been busy figuring out accommodations, times of meetings, and where and when practices are. A benefit for Dan is that the game is being held this Sunday in Miami. Travel isn't an issue, although it prevents Diane and Val from making the trip.

"I wish we could go but it's just such short notice from here," she said.

While the Carpenter family can't make the long trip out to Miami, they will make up for it by hosting a Pro Bowl party at their home, a day that will be joyous for the family for more than one reason.

"It's going to be a double party; a Pro Bowl party for Dan and a party for our new grandson, Cole. It's just going to be a whole fun day of celebrating," Diane said.

Dan Carpenter's Montana career was spent as a four-year starter from 2004-2007. He went undrafted in the 2008 NFL draft but signed a two-year contract with the Dolphins on April 28, 2008.

After beating out returning kicker Jay Feely for the starting job, Carpenter went on to score 102 points and tie an NFL rookie record with 14 straight field goals made.

Carpenter improved from his rookie season to this year's all-star performance, one that will have him on the same sidelines as NFL stars such as Ray Lewis and Adrian Peterson — an image that Diane Carpenter can't quite imagine.

"Of course he is a great kicker," Diane said. "But this is just crazy. To us, he's just still our son Daniel."

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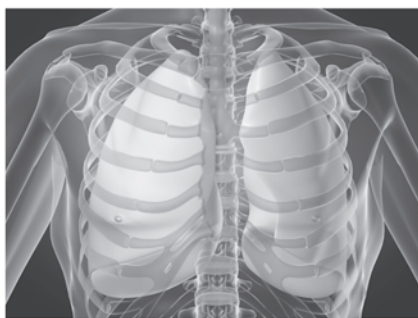
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ASUM prepares for interviews, student group budget decisions

Jayne Fraser
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Although Wednesday's ASUM meeting was the shortest of the year, the senate discussed plans for the busy interview and budgeting processes ahead.

Senators Kacie Engum and Mary Kettering, along with various committee members, resigned over the break.

Applications for the student senate and committee seats, available in ASUM's office in the UC, will be due Feb. 5.

"February is a really busy month for the senate, so the sooner we can get those done the better," Vice President Emily May said.

In addition to interviewing for ASUM positions, the senate is starting the search for students interested in representing all Montana college students on the Board of Regents.

"A Board of Regents is a seven-member body, one of which is a student from the Montana University System, graduate or undergraduate," President Matt Fennell said.

The Board of Regents appropriates all funds for higher education and makes decisions regarding issues such as tuition.

Though the governor must appoint the student regent, ASUM, along with student governments from other campuses, will nominate finalists for consideration in early March.

Students interested in learning more about the position should visit the ASUM office.

In other business, ASUM set dates for the budgeting that will affect all student organizations for the coming year.

Information sessions, which will be open to all students, will be hosted in the UC Theater Monday and Tuesday 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Lobbying and final budgeting will take place in late February.

Vice President May also asked the senators to suggest charities working to aid Haiti. After being approached about fundraising for the crisis, she proposed to include links on the ASUM Web site to make it easier for students to donate.

The Senate also approved the appointment of a new Renter Center director and Kaimin business manager after both positions were vacated last month.

Becky Hartmann, a UM alum, will continue ASUM's work with students on landlord-tenant issues. She returns to Missoula after doing advocacy work in Georgia for Refugee Family Services.

Rachel Gundlach will replace the former Kaimin business manager, who graduated in December. She has worked for the paper for almost two years as an office assistant and an advertising representative.

Fennell also introduced a plan by the statewide student government to strengthen each school's unique image and opportunities.

"We have been asked to do a survey of students on every campus, sort of dealing with ways to focus on our strengths and build enthusiasm in this time of economic crisis," Fennell said. "We want to build enthusiasm as we seek more support for higher education in the next legislative year."

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A record and a review almost blown away

Justin Franz
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On Wednesday, the Kaimin Outdoors section ran a book review about the book "Not Without Peril," which looks at New Hampshire's Mount Washington. The mountain holds the world record for wind speed, at 231 miles per hour. Or so we thought.

Just prior to press time on Tuesday evening, a story hit the wire that the wind record had been broken on an island off Australia. The new record took place on Barrow Island in 1996 during a typhoon and was recorded at 253 miles per hour.

Due to the remoteness and an oversight, the record-breaking wind was not recognized for more than a decade. That was until the World Meteorological Organization published the finding on its Web site on Friday.

In a press release, the Mount

Washington Observatory, the nonprofit group that maintains a staffed weather station atop the mountain, said that while it was disappointed with the loss of the record, it appreciated the work by the WMO panel.

However, the group also stood by its claim that its mountaintop is home to the world's worst weather.

"The new record does not diminish the fact that Mount Washington is one of the fiercest places on the planet," said Summit Operations Director Ken Rancourt in the press release.

Executive Director Scot Henley said in the release that the work will continue atop the northeast's tallest peak.

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5,346 U.S. soldiers have been killed in both conflicts since 2001.

Sgt. Damian Mcgee, a Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Marine Corps, said between 10 and 12 people apply to join the Marines in Montana every month.

The Army National Guard's enlistment rate has stayed more

or less the same in the last several years. Sgt. Maj. Dave Kelly, of the Army National Guard, said that Montana has maintained a steady rate of 35-50 enlistments per month since 2006.

The Army National Guard Recruiting Assistance program has helped keep new recruits coming in by offering enlisted soldiers \$2,000 for every new soldier they encourage to enlist.

Sgt. Michael McDonald-Kelly, a UM student and soldier with the Guard, said he has encouraged seven people to enlist in the last several years, receiving \$2,000 for each one. He said the bonuses encourage soldiers to bring friends and people they are already familiar with into the Guard.

"People don't go after strangers much because it's extremely difficult," Kelly said.

The payment works in two installments of \$1,000. They receive the first payment after a soldier is sworn in, and the second after they are cleared to begin basic training.

"A lot of kids after swearing in have second thoughts," Kelly said. "I think a part of the goal of the program is when they have second thoughts, they have this mentor, this friend to kind of ease their minds. Somebody they can ask questions

and hopefully get answers from."

Two of his younger brothers have also enlisted, and Kelly received payments from the program for each of them.

"I really didn't have anything to do with them signing up. They wanted to sign up," he said. "The money's just sitting there. It's not like I'm not putting people into a position that I, myself, haven't already stepped into."

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OBAMA
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drilling and nuclear power as examples of how the country can produce its own energy and build up the economy.

"You're missing it!" yelled one viewer after hearing Obama mention offshore drilling and coal.

When Obama criticized the recent Supreme Court decision that would allow corporations and unions to use treasury funds to produce political ads during federal elections, which the president said would "open the floodgates" of special interests in politics, the loudest boos were heard as the screens showed the nine justices of the Su-

preme Court seated amid a sea of standing applause in response to his remarks.

The Badlander's mostly progressive crowd wasn't without its own detractors before and after the speech, indicative of Obama's waning support among the most liberal wings of those who voted him into office.

Sherry Lee, who still considered herself an Obama supporter but was disappointed by his performance this past year, stood and applauded a number of times, but not without a sense of guarded optimism.

"You better mean it," she yelled over the cheers as she stood to applaud the president's proposal to slash tax cuts to companies that ship jobs overseas.

Lee wasn't the only Obama supporter who felt disappointed by his first year. Bradley Seaman, when asked what he thought of the state of the country before the president's speech aired, answered that it was "slowly diminishing."

"We just haven't seen important legislation get passed," Seaman said.

Others in the bar were more optimistic.

"Personally, I feel like he's doing a great job," said Patrick Certain.

Certain said that Obama's setbacks are due to pigeonholing by a relentless opposition. Before the speech, Certain hoped that Obama would address equality issues facing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

He didn't seem to be the only one, as one of the biggest cheers came after Obama renewed his promise to end the ban on openly gay people serving in the military.

Obama's speech did manage to change the feeling in the room, converting — if only a little — some of the more skeptical viewers to hold out hope for at least another year.

As the crowd dissipated with Virginia governor Bob McDonnell's Republican response on mute, Sheila Lindquist, who said that Obama had "failed miserably" before the speech, said she felt at least a "small glimmer of hope" afterward.

"The proof is in the pudding," she added.

Lee, who sat across from her, said she felt energized to do something herself instead of expecting Obama to effect change on his own.

"I just pray we don't go another year basking in the hope," she said.

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The Kiosk runs 4 days per week. Prepayment is required. Ads may be placed at DAH 207 or via FAX: 243-5475, email: kaiminads@gmail.com or call 243-6541.

Lost and found ads may be placed in the Kiosk free of charge. They can be 3 lines long and run for 3 days.

FOR SALE

Sexy Sweetheart Sale February 13th 7 to 7 Stensrud Building across from Kettlehouse Brewery. LOVELY Vintage and Retro Dresses & Hats Costume jewelry, pretty pumps & bags. Vintage Sewing Patterns! 363-3473.

FOR RENT

4 bed room home for rent 1100 per month. Call Jim at 406-846-1000.

Weekend cabins 30 mins. from Missoula. \$44-\$66/night. Rock Creek Cabins. 251-6611.

Room for rent near University! \$435 a month, No Pets! Call Ashley at (406) 214-2929

SERVICES

Basic Wildfire Training, April 10-11 and April 17-18; for info call 543-0013

Reliable PC/laptop repair. Student discount! Computer Central 136 E. Broadway

PERSONALS

Counseling and Psychological Services. Personal counseling appointments available. Please call 243-4711 542-6540

HELP WANTED

Looking for minimal home health care to include pets, errands and occasional help with lifting and transitioning male MS patient in exchange for free rent in private furnished lower level living quarters. Male or couple applicants preferred due to necessary lifting. Send resume and a minimum of two reference letters to P.O. Box 17737, Missoula, MT 59808.

THINGS TO SAY ON A DAILY BASIS

"Ya'll come back now, ya hear"

"Howdy"

"How ya'll doin'?"

"Shoot Fire!"

"Don't squat with your spurs"

"The winds blowin' like perfume through a prom"

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